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Serial No. 09/965,827

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For: HANDLING METHOD OF BODY FLUID SAMPLE AND ANALYSIS
APPARATUS USING THE SAME

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Sir:

In the Office Action mailed June 24, 2004, the Examiner stated that copies of the foreign references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed with this divisional application were missing. Attached to the Office Action was a copy of form PTO-1449 in which the following Japanese references were crossed out as not having been considered:

JP 9-281113
JP 9-304396
JP 4-169851
JP 2-25755

As discussed with the Examiner by telephone, copies of these references were submitted in parent application Serial No. 09/360,686 and were considered by the Examiner in that application and also listed on the cover page of U.S. Patent 6,319,718 which issued from the parent application. For the Examiner's convenience, a copy of the cover page of U.S. Patent 6,319,718 is attached.

For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants are enclosing additional copies of these four Japanese references along with a new form PTO-1449 listing these four Japanese references.

It is respectfully requested that these references be made of record in the file of the present application as having been considered by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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